

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:           Eva Sevick-Muraca, et al.  
Serial No.:                       09/870,144  
Filing Date:                    May 30, 2001  
Confirmation No.               9131  
Art Unit No.                    3768  
Examiner:                       Baisakhi Roy  
Title:                            *Imaging of Light Scattering Tissues with Fluorescent  
Contrast Agents*

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 29, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments as set forth below.